

Happy New Year!

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As holiday travel period continues through midnight Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

Law enforcement encourages motorists to 'drive safe' through the holidays

Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) continues to urge motorists traveling on Alabama roadways to slow down and prepare ahead to ensure everyone arrives safely to their destination.

"The days leading up to Christmas through New Year's Day are a wonderful time for celebration and happiness, as this is truly a season to cherish with friends and family," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor. "However, we all

must remember the hazards associated with traveling during this busy time of year."

The extended holiday travel period began at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and will end at midnight Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023. During this time, ALEA's Troopers assigned to the Highway Patrol Division will conduct a variety of enforcement activities, including

driver license and equipment check points, to curb such deadly behaviors as driving under the influence, driving while distracted, not buckling up, speeding and following too closely.

Already during this holiday travel period, local

emergency responders have worked multiple vehicle accidents in Elba and Coffee County. Fortunately, no major injuries have been reported from these accidents, but the same cannot be said for the vehicles as most have seen heavy damage leaving the vehicle undriveable.

As the holiday season continues over the next several days, all are encouraged to take extra precautions when traveling on the roadways. Drivers should watch their speed, avoid distractions while driving, do not drive impaired, and pay attention to the other vehicles on the roadway too.



TWO-VEHICLE WRECK IN CURTIS COMMUNITY SENDS TWO TO HOSPITAL... It was still pre-dawn Friday, Dec. 23, around 5 a.m., when a two-vehicle wreck was reported at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 141 in the Curtis Community. Upon arrival on scene, emergency responders found the two vehicles in the median of the roadway – one with heavy damage to the front of the vehicle and the other flipped over on its side. Officials said there were a total of seven people inside the vehicles, including the two drivers. Of the seven, two were transported to a local hospital to be treated for injuries sustained; however, it was believed those injuries were not serious. Officials said both vehicles were traveling through the area from out-of-state with no local area people involved in this accident. Investigators said the vehicle traveling on Hwy. 141 failed to stop at the stop sign moving into the path of the other vehicle traveling on Hwy. 84 and thus causing the collision.



TWO-VEHICLE WRECK REPORTED IN FRONT OF DOLLAR GENERAL IN ELBA... Elba Police and Fire were dispatched Monday afternoon, Dec. 26, to a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection in front of Dollar General on Hwy 203 (U.S. Hwy 84) in Elba. The wreck was reported to Elba Police at 12:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. Upon arrival on scene, responders found that a SUV traveling on the highway had 't-boned' a truck attempting to cross the highway from Martin Luther King Dr. (by the Dollar General store). Responders reported no major injuries from this accident despite the point of impact. This was the first of two accidents reported at intersections on State Hwy 203 in Elba on Monday.



TWO VEHICLE WRECK REPORTED MONDAY NIGHT IN ELBA... Emergency responders in Elba were dispatched to the scene of this two-vehicle wreck Monday night, Dec. 26, at approximately 11:30 p.m., at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Highway 203 (U.S. Hwy 84). Reportedly, the Chevrolet shown above had collided with a FedEx truck. No injuries were reported from this accident. Elba Police and Fire responded to the wreck. No further details were available from this wreck as of press time this week. The Elba Volunteer Fire Department had a busy Monday as the firefighters were dispatched to two motor vehicle wrecks, and a brush fire. Then, early Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, the fire department was dispatched to a house fire on County Rd. 410.

Elba Police make arrest for distribution of a controlled substance

Elba Police made an arrest Monday afternoon, Dec. 26, for distribution of a controlled substance, and the suspect was released on bond less than two hours later.

According to Coffee County jail records, Dekarion Kyles, age 25, of Elba, was arrested Monday afternoon by officers with the Elba Police Department. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 1:43 p.m. on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

At 3 p.m. Monday, Kyles was released after posting a \$30,000 bond.



Wanted by Elba Police: These suspects have outstanding warrants

The investigations division of the Elba Police Department this week is seeking the public's help in locating several suspects with outstanding warrants for arrest.

Zoey Moore has multiple outstanding warrants for failure to appear with the City of Elba.

Three suspects are being sought for a possession of a controlled substance warrant.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the suspects listed here should contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 or encourage the individuals to turn himself/herself into police immediately.

NOTICE:

In next week's paper (Jan. 5th edition), The Elba Clipper will take a look back at the 'Top Headlines' from 2022.



NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN DOWNTOWN ELBA... The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, Dec. 19, for SON Exposure, a Christian bookstore and gift retail store. The business also offers indoor tanning. Owned and operated by Melissa Wood, SON Exposure is located at 425 Davis Street in downtown Elba and is open Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Those present for last week's ribbon cutting included: (from left) Teen Miss Elba Taylor Day, Young Miss Elba Kayden Moseley, Little Miss Elba Bella Bane, Lisa Johnson, Jack Brunson, Sally Bane, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, Raeann McCollough, Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams, Melissa Wood, Shelby Mote, Jane Brunson, and Elba Police Chief Troy Staley.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. For utility emergencies during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 to report an outage. Garbage service will run on the regular schedule.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala., beginning at 9 a.m. We are limited to the number of people that we can have in the room so if you plan to attend, please call 334-894-5581X3.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint." — Mark Twain

Car warranty scams. The FCC is cracking down on at least one firm that made over five BILLION robocalls in a three-month period in 2021 alone to unsuspecting phone users offering "car warranties". Frankly we think at least half of those calls came to our personal and/or office phones. A part of the efforts to control this scam is a proposed \$300 million fine for the two men accused of operating the phone scam operation in the U. S. The news release described the calls as "to sell vehicle service contracts deceptively marketed as car warranties". Oh, they were creative enough that they knew the make and model of the car they wanted to issue a warranty on!

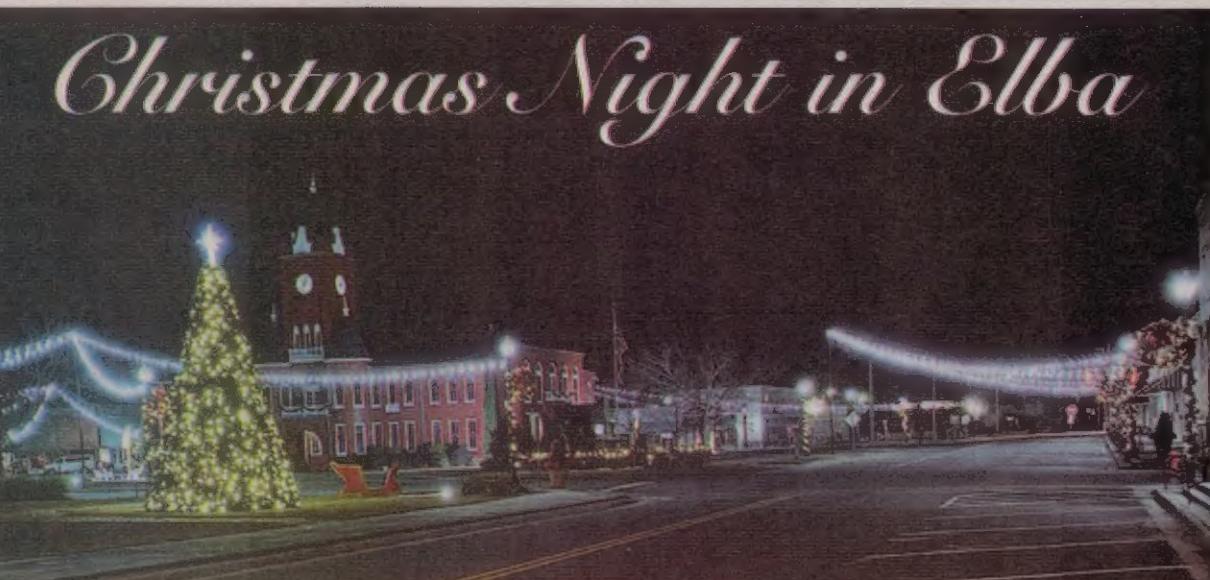
It is scary when a person's children hold a family conference and start plotting on buying daddy a "blue terry cloth bathrobe" to replace the one he was writing about a week ago. Well, last weekend they confessed to having the discussion but added that they thought better of actually making the purchase. They probably knew daddy enough to predict the new one would stay in the gift box 'saving it' while the 70-year-old robe would continue in use.

Cats are rather independent animals is an understatement. They can be in your lap (if they want to) or wiggling until you turn them loose. The really aggravating thing is when they sit at the door and then angle up in your feet as you try to enter or exit the house. We own no cats, but our neighborhood has a bunch and they come visiting regularly. Occasionally we put out some meat scraps, but always a distance away from the back door. It does no good, they still know it will happen again soon and run up when we come out of the house in the mornings or at noon. One year we had a bag of old pecans and started scattering a few each day around the base of an oak tree — just for the squirrels. It was amusing to watch the wandering cats sit patiently at the base of the tree waiting on a hungry squirrel to come scrambling down from above. It rarely worked, as the squirrels also saw the cats and just waited until they wandered off. However, the next day the cats would always be back and patiently looking up the tree trunk. Those who own cats really enjoy them, but it amazes us that they never get their feet tangled with the cat and go tumbling.

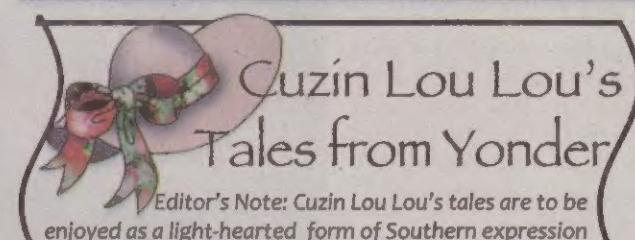
All three of our children like and own dogs. The Lee County bunch takes the cake right now. They have three (3) rescue dogs (from the dog pound) and an additional one who has apparently adopted them. His original owner lives a couple of miles up the road and after multiple trips to retrieve him, apparently gave up and decided the dog liked the food at his new home better! He now has an official (warm) bed beside the other outside dog (two are inside dogs).

We hope all our readers can truthfully say the year 2022 was one of their best years and they climaxed it with a good Christmas holiday.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!



ALL WAS CALM AND BRIGHT in downtown Elba during the evening hours of Christmas night, Dec. 25, just after the 7 p.m. hour. As many were nestled in the warmth of their home, the downtown square was shining brightly with decorations of the season and street lighting — it almost seemed like a backdrop scene from a holiday movie with the peacefulness of the moment. Elba's downtown square lit up for the holidays is most assuredly a beautiful sight to see.



**Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder**
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be
enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Arctic temperatures made their way into Yonder land late last week, and it was not a welcome visitor as far as Cuzin Lou Lou was concerned!

Being one that generally has 'last minute' Christmas shopping to complete, the cold temperatures made the chore even more uncomfortable for Lou Lou.

She is one that enjoys temperatures in the 80's and above; so, the teens that felt like single digit temps last week were just plain out cruel to Lou Lou.

There was a time when Sister enjoyed colder temperatures, and she still likes them better today than Lou Lou, but even she was agreeing it was a bit too cold last weekend! That agreement was at the 100 percent mark last Friday night when the two ventured out to go shopping for some final Christmas gifts.

The only saving grace from the freezing adventure was a trip to Starbucks to allow Lou Lou and Sister to warm back up with a nice, tasty HOT coffee!

Both Lou Lou and Sister agreed that if it was going to be that cold for Christmas, it might as well go ahead and snow to create a true white Christmas for everyone, but Lou Lou only wanted that to happen if said snow would be gone before she needed to 'get back out' in the world.

While snow is pretty, Lou Lou is not really fan of it either. She would much rather look at the white sand of a warm beach any day!!

Alas, there was no snow... just cold, cold weather, and the Yonder gang survived the arctic blast once again. Some say it was good for the area because it would help kill some undesired bugs...Lou Lou can only hope that was true and there is at least something good that came from her few days of discomfort.

It's only the end of December so more of those arctic blasts may still appear before winter is officially over. Now that "Take One" is over, maybe Lou Lou and the gang will be better prepared for any additional visits from Mr. Winter!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! Also, the Yonder Gang wishes you and yours a Happy New Year!!



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Editorial Column by
U.S. Rep. Barry Moore,
2nd Congressional District

This probably won't come as a surprise to you, but the United States Congress has a spending problem. It recently passed a one-week extension of current spending levels — over my objection.

These were spending levels decided by Democrat majorities in the House and the Senate. Some Republicans, by surrendering to Democrat desires to extend current spending levels only one week, greased the skids for a \$1.7 trillion omnibus bill to be passed in the lame duck period. This allows the House Democrat majority, fired by American voters just last month, to stuff untold wasteful spending and radical policies into a bill without accountability to the voters.

Since President Biden has been in office, there have been over 4 million migrant encounters at the Southwest border, in addition to over 1 million known gotaways — those who evaded border patrol. Terrifyingly, border agents intercepted over 14,000 pounds of fentanyl last fiscal year, but more is getting through. In fact, over 300 Americans are dying every day from fentanyl overdoses. No community or family is safe.

This is historic failure to secure our border, and Americans are dying as a

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, and Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Dec. 20 — Assault reported at 1013 Hickman Ave (7:08 a.m.); Man with a gun reported at 616 Reynolds Ave (8:07 p.m.); Harassment reported at 625 Reynolds Ave (10:14 p.m.); Assault reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:23 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (3:07 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 720 Rees Ave (3:55 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, two written warnings, one citation, and one arrest.

Thursday, Dec. 22 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 595 Collier St (1:01 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (7:53 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 429 N Claxton Ave (9:21 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 — a verbal warning was issued (12:31 p.m.); Animal

complaint reported at 1107 Martin Luther King Dr — w/impound (1:42 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2695 Hwy 166 (2:06 p.m.); Theft of services reported at 1557 Powell Circle (2:21 p.m.); Theft of services reported at 1596 Powell Circle (2:37 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 225 Fox Dr — w/arrest (9:06 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one arrest, and one citation.

Friday, Dec. 23 — Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (4:51 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1525 Jones St (1:14 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on N Claxton Ave (1:28 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (10:32 p.m.).

Saturday, Dec. 24 — No Report Received.

Sunday, Dec. 25 — Domestic complaint reported at 234 Old Samson Rd — w/arrest (3:15 a.m.); Harassment reported at 610 Mullins Circle (12:59 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Farris Ave (2:07 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (7:40 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in advice given.

Monday, Dec. 26 — Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (1:17 a.m.); Verbal alteration reported at 1795 N Claxton Ave (6:13 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at the intersection by 804 Hwy 203 (12:30 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 145 Tiger Dr (2:15 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1795 N Claxton Ave (6:08 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1477 Country Club Way (9:41 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Claxton Ave (11:13 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

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NOTICES:

LUNCHEON PILOTS PRESENTS "BrainMinders" TO 2ND GRADERS...
BrainMinders is Pilot International's signature program originally designed in 2001 to teach safety to children to help prevent brain injuries. Realizing the need to teach brain injury prevention to people of all ages, Pilots have expanded the program to include presentations for youth and seniors. The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise chose to present BrainMinder programs to second graders using hand puppets. This year the program was presented to Brookwood Elementary (86 students) and Hillcrest Elementary (108 students). Each student was given a color book with brain safety tips presented by BrainMinder Buddies. Shown in photo from left: Caroline Gephart with Martin the Monkey; Debbie Shelton with the Wise Old Owl; Debbie Godfrey with Gerald the Giraffe; and Fran Walters with Bob the Beagle and Zach the Zebra.

Governor announces Alabama's unemployment rate holds steady

Governor Kay Ivey recently announced that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate is 2.7%, unchanged from October, and below November 2021's rate of 3.1%.

November's rate represents 63,043 unemployed persons, compared to 61,721 in October and 69,688 in November 2021.

Coffee County's rate for the month is at 2.2% while Crenshaw County is at 2.3%, Pike, Covington, and Dale counties are at 2.4%, Geneva County is at 2.1%.

"It is encouraging to see that Alabama's economy is supporting more jobs today than ever in our 203 year history," said Governor Ivey. "While we continue maintaining a low unemployment "rate," the fact that our businesses are growing jobs is certainly something to be grateful for this holiday season. We will continue working hard to support Alabamians as we weather a challenging national climate."

PROCLAIM (Continued from Page 1)

According to the proclamation, human trafficking occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, and other methods of slavery.

"Anyone can become a victim of trafficking," Mayor Maddox said. "While women and girls are the primary victims, victims/survivors come from every background, race, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status. Traffickers target individuals who, for any reason, are vulnerable."

Even though awareness of this crime is growing, human trafficking continues to go unreported due to its isolating nature, the misunderstanding of its definition, and the lack of awareness about its indicators.

"Increased community education is how to identify victims of human trafficking along with increased knowledge of local resources and services for those affected by these criminal actions can help restore freedom and dignity to identified survivors," Maddox said. "It also can help diminish the number of future victims."

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T.F. "BILLY" IVEY
Mr. T. F. "Billy" Ivey, age 94, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022,

from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Shawn Crosby and Rev. Clifton Quincey officiating. Burial followed in

Meadow Lawn Memorial Park cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Assembly of God Church building fund, 537 Boll Weevil Cir, Enterprise, AL 36330 or charity of your choice.

Survivors include his wife: Lorene A. Ivey, Enterprise; daughter: Rachel (Huey) Norwood, Enterprise; son: Joe (Marlyn) Ivey, Enterprise; stepsons: John (Teresa) Carr, Enterprise, David (Theresa) Carr, Elba; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

MOORE

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direct consequence. In the private sector, if you don't do your job, you get canned.

My proudest accomplishment during my first term is the work my staff and I have done for my constituents. We've sent over 31,000 constituent letters, resolved over 2,200 federal cases for constituents dealing with IRS, VA, and other agencies, and returned over \$2 million to constituents through federal casework.

That's why I've called for Republicans to begin impeachment proceedings next year of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. If President Biden won't hold Secretary Mayorkas accountable, House Republicans must do it for him.

It is truly humbling to have been elected to serve you for a second term in Washington.

On January 3, 2023, when the new Congress is sworn in, my office will be hosting an open house on in my Washington office from 11:00amEST to 3:00pm. If you and your friends and

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SUNDAY!

Card of Thanks

The Family of Cheryl Elizabeth Nichols would like to thank you for all the cards, texts, phone calls, visits, prayers and food during her illness and death. You will never know how much it meant to us and how you kept us going. We will always be blessed by our many Elba friends. A special thanks to Cheryl's carers: Teresa Newson, Elaine Rayburn and Marika Arnold. We would also like to thank Kindred Home Health and Kindred Hospice of Enterprise for excellent care and friendship.

Ann Nichols and Carole Mashburn

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After a Loss: Pay Attention to Unhealthy Coping Techniques
A holiday season following the loss of a loved one can trigger many challenging thoughts and feelings. While this is totally normal, it is important to take care of yourself and pay close attention to your emotions. Feelings of apathy and hopelessness can be warning signs that your grief might be putting you at risk for depression. Things such as loss of appetite and exhaustion are also warning signs your body may give that it is on overload.

While there are many healthy ways to cope with your grief, it can be easy to turn to unhealthy means of coping such as withdrawing socially or turning to alcohol or food.

Alcohol is a particularly tricky one to navigate, especially during the holiday season. Since alcohol is so deeply integrated into our lives, you will find it at most holiday parties and events. But of course, alcohol also carries the risk of dependency. It can be very easy to use it to self-medicate and numb the uncomfortable feelings you are feeling.

It can be easy to start rationalizing the use of alcohol, particularly in stressful times. The problem is that alcohol is not a healthy coping skill. It can help fix the symptoms of our grief by providing a respite from our thoughts and feelings, but it doesn't solve the underlying cause of our grief.

So, what should you be paying attention to? Become aware of why you drink. If you are drinking to cope with difficult emotions such as loss, stress, or despair, it is a sign you should seek some alternative coping skills.

If you are supporting a griever, continue to contact them. People often come together to give support, then quickly fade away. Ask them out for coffee or lunch.

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City of Elba, AL
Sally Bane, City Clerk

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Luncheon Pilots and Enterprise Rotary host Special Needs Christmas Party

Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise and the Enterprise Rotary Club recently held a special needs Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Enterprise.

Pat Green, the LPCE Chair for the Christmas Party, did an excellent job of contacting the schools for a list of special needs individuals, getting their wish lists and inviting them and their parents to attend. Members of the two clubs met a week earlier to purchase 135 gifts and then a week later to wrap the gifts and place them in bags by school.



Pictured, left to right: (front row) Gina Oates, Rhonda Welch, Carol Bass, Fran Walters, Julie Mills, Debbie Godfrey, Caroline Gebhart and Debbie Shelton; (back row) Linda Leib, Pat Green, LPCE President Brandy Woodham, Bonnie Gilmore and Jacque Hawkins.

LPCE decorated the hall and placed the gifts around the Christmas tree. Uptain) appeared and as individuals checked in upon arriving to get their name tag and "goodie" basket filled with many special gifts. Singing of Christmas carols was followed by cheeseburgers, chips, a Christmas tree cake and a drink.

The highlight of the evening - Santa (Donnie Uptain) appeared and as each name was read Santa delivered the gifts personally to give their families an opportunity to take a photo. Special thanks to the members from both clubs who assisted with this project to make many special needs individuals get a great start to the Christmas season.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Lord the defense of His people. Psalm 124: 1-8

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Min. Randy Miller, Marilyn Fuller, Joe Rudolph, Toney (Cool Breeze) Wright, Bernice Culver, Sheila Magwood, Helen Thigpen, Harold Williams, Corene Daniels

January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Trina Flowers 1/1
Melissa K. Hutchinson 1/2
Anthony Robinson 1/3
Phillip N. Faison 1/3
Chessie Cross 1/3
Lasalle Cooks 1/3
Jeff and Audrey W. Bennett 1/4 W.A.
Martha Gilford 1/7
Superintendent William K. Ellison 1/7

Shayla Bright 1/8
Corene Daniels 1/8
Emmett Bright 1/8

Our Traditions or His Touch?

Mildred was very upset. Her sense of the dignity of worship had been disrupted. After 40 years of sitting in one spot in the sanctuary, she moved to the other side of the aisle. Why? Wayne, a newcomer, had the annoying habit of loudly saying, "Amen!" or "Praise the Lord!" while the minister was preaching. Wayne would also raise his hands during worship time, and he was known to jump to his feet on occasion and shout "Hallelujah!" Nothing could have been further from the truth. Wayne was just an excited Christian. The preacher appreciated his affirmations. He knew that at least one person was listening! But, the conflict continued to grow in Mildred's mind. One Sunday, she finally had enough. She confronted Wayne in the foyer. "I'll have you know that in the New Testament it is

Thought to Remember

- Wait patiently and work prayerfully.
- A proper attitude about giving trumps the size of the gift.

Questions for the Week of 1/1/23

True or False

Q: God said that a different Phinehas would die on the same day as his brother.

Q: A key feature of the new covenant is that God forgives sin but does not forget it.

Today is good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Have a Happy New Year!



Santa is shown here with a very happy Tony Green.

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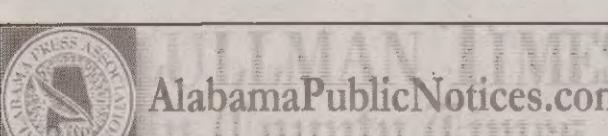
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.	Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.	
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor	
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.	
Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.	
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Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.
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Matthew Morris, Pastor	Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
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FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH	
David Noble, Pastor	Edward E. Drake, Pastor
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H.L. Buckner, Pastor	John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
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ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE	
Allen Richards, Pastor	
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Dwight Johnson, Pastor	Jeanie Turner, Sr. Pastor
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K.H. Ellison, Pastor	Kit Johnson, Pastor
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1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays	Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Sherlie Ellis, Pastor	
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HEBREW BAPTIST CHURCH	
Mark Cooper, Pastor	Will Jordan, Pastor
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ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	
Lowell Martin, Pastor	
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.	
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CHESTNUT GROVE METROPOLITAN CHURCH	
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S. A. Graham Company, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the Coffee County Commission for construction of project Coffee County C/D Landfill. Cells 1-1, 1-2, & 1-3 in Coffee County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on December 8, 2022 and ending on December 29, 2022. All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 726 Brundidge, Alabama 36010 during this period. S. A. Graham Company, Inc. 12/8,15,22,29-chg

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by PHYLLIS NORTON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN RICHARD NORTON, A NON-BORROWING CO-OWNER, to ALL IN CREDIT UNION FORMERLY KNOWN AS ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION on MARCH 19, 2019, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, at OFFREC BOOK 828 PAGE 570, the undersigned ALL IN CREDIT UNION FORMERLY KNOWN AS ARMY AVIATION CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of COFFEE County, at ENTERPRISE, Alabama, on JANUARY 19, 2023, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND CAPPED REBAR STAMPED "GSA", SAID POINT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF DONALD STREET (PRESCRIPTIVE R.O.W.) AND THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF DAMASCUS ROAD A.K.A. ALABAMA HIGHWAY 134 (60' R.O.W.); THENCE RUN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF DAMASCUS ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 227.65 FEET TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE TURN EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE TURN CONTINUE ALONG THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 93 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AND RUN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 86 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 02 SECONDS AND RUN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE TURN AN INTERIOR ANGLE TO THE LEFT OF 93 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 58 SECONDS AND RUN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID EASEMENT CONTAINS 1,685 SQUARE FEET OR 0.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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may be obtained prior to the sale. The successful bidder will be required to pay the bid amount at the time of sale in cash or certified funds.

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LEGAL NOTICE Grady Ralls & Sons, Inc., hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No HSIP-0134(510) in Coffee County. SR-134 at the Intersection of CR-460 and CR 461 East of Opp.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on 12/15/22 and ending on 1/5/23. All claims should be filed at Grady Ralls & Sons, Inc., 12364 Brookland Road, Evergreen, AL 36401 during this period.

Grady Ralls & Sons, Inc. 12/15,22,29&1/5/23-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NELLIE J. ANDERSON, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2022-080

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that letters Testamentary were granted on 8th day of December, 2022, to Jerry McMillan, as Executor of the Estate of Nellie Anderson, a/k/a Nellie J. Anderson, deceased, who departed this life on the 4th day of June, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jerry McMillan

Jerry McMillan, Executor of the Estate of Nellie Anderson, a/k/a Nellie J. Anderson, Deceased

12/15,22,29-pd

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

COURTNEY CUMMINGS, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN PARTIES being the heirs of devisees Of Thelma Jean Blue, deceased, et al., Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2022-900107

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Courtney Cummings has filed a Complaint pursuant to Section 6-6-560, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended, against any and all persons claiming any interests in the following said land, to-wit:

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

When I first woke up Christmas morning I thought Santa must have wrecked his sleigh on our Christmas tree and had to leave all the presents behind to make it back to the North Pole. Our grandson Lawson was in charge of handing out the presents and reading the names on each and every gift, and since there were no gifts left when he got through I guess maybe we were better than I thought.

For what it is worth....

*** It was a successful start to the high school basketball season for all three Elba teams this year as all the teams entered the holiday break with a winning record. The Tigers overcame an 0-4 start to carry an 8-6 slate into the break, have already enjoyed a six-game winning streak, and have to be the biggest surprise in the area, while the Lady Tigers bounced back from a slow start and two losses at a tournament to head into the holidays with an 8-4 record and still look like the team to beat in the local 1A area standings. The Elba junior varsity barely had enough players to even have a team back when the coaches held tryouts, but have molded into a solid squad that is off to a 9-1 start. There are a lot of games left on the schedule, but the guess here is that all the team will only get better and make it a fun new year when they tip it back off next week.

*** The teams in the area are all enjoying a few days off and the break should help them all refuel for a run that will carry them into post-season play. In boy's action, Brantley is without a doubt the top team in the area and hasn't even hit full stride yet due to a late start because of the Bulldogs success in football; while Kinston is the best team no one has really paid any attention to because of its rugged early season schedule; Zion Chapel is a team that can beat, or at least throw a scare into any night of the week; and, New Brockton is a team that has the talent to wake up any day now, flex its muscles and pile up the wins. In girl's action, New Brockton has a very young, but very talented team that will challenge any and all challengers every time it takes the court, while Kinston is better than many realize after playing the toughest schedule in the area; Zion Chapel is getting better and will surprise somebody one night soon; and, Brantley has way too much tradition not to get it all together real soon and open some eyes. Yep, all the teams in the area will make it fun for the fans for weeks to come.

*** Early-signing day has come and gone and as usual Alabama was ranked #1 when all the dust had settled and all the letters had been faxed in. The Crimson Tide signed 27 players, including six five-star recruits, twenty-four-star recruits and one three-star high school standout. When the scouting services write that the two most un-athletic players signed are a three-star kicker and a four-star defensive back that was named Mr. Football in Mississippi two straight years, the Tide must have signed a pretty good class. Over on the plains, Auburn got a couple of flips that drew a lot of attention, including the four-star defensive end from Highland Home that was thought to be headed to Florida State. The Tigers were a couple of steps behind as signing day approached and still trail most of the teams in the SEC as far as talent on its roster, but many folks see better days ahead and the joke is that next year Auburn may 'Freeze' out the rest of the nation when the big day rolls around again. As for the folks up at Troy, the Trojans picked up six recruits out of Mississippi and four from Alabama in their 19-man class, with the rest of the class coming from Georgia (3), Florida (2), Tennessee (2), Louisiana (1) and Texas (1). If the Trojans hope to stay atop the Sun Belt standings they will have to become a nationwide brand and not just recruit from Alabama, but it was good to see at least flour in-state players ink to stay close to home.

*** If you ever need any advice on vacation plans or where to go during the holidays I may not be the one to ask for help. My three-week break as a school bus driver started back on Dec. 15, and after taking the advice of my doctor agreed to have cataracts removed from both eyes, and not so wisely agreed to have the two surgeries on Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. Since the time table for the surgeries includes set plans two days prior to and a five days after the operations, any plans I had for travel during the holidays were quickly put on the shelves. I don't even want to know when spring break starts!



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Tigers are back on winning track

The Elba Tigers got back on the winning track last week with two home court wins to close the pre-holiday portion of the schedule with an 8-6 record.

Following is a recap of both wins:

Elba 45 Wicksburg 43

The Elba Tigers snapped a three-game losing streak with a wild 45-43 win over the Wicksburg Panthers, last Monday night at the Tiger gym.

Elba came out misfiring from all over the court in the opening quarter and could only watch as Wicksburg jumped out to a 13-2 lead. Taylor Purvis brought the Tigers back to life late in the quarter with a pair of long three-pointers, and when Cameron Gray scored on a breakaway lay-up just before the buzzer the Tigers had pulled within 13-10.

Elba pulled even at 16-16 midway through the second quarter on a basket by Cameron Gray and the teams swapped buckets for most of the stanza until the Panthers scored late to carry a 21-19 lead in at the half.

A three-pointer by Ty Sieving sparked 6-0 run as the Tigers grabbed a 25-21 lead early in the third quarter, but Wicksburg battled back to regain the lead at 26-25 with 2:32 left in the quarter and owned a slim 31-30 lead heading into the final stanza.

Elba moved back in front 33-31 early in the fourth quarter on a three-pointer by Jacob Watkins, and led by the inside scoring of Jamal Siler stretched its lead to 38-31 midway through the stanza. The Tigers took their biggest lead of the game at 41-32 on a Cameron Gray three-pointer, but Elba's attempt to run time off the clock only resulted in Tiger turnovers as Wicksburg went on a 7-0 run to pull within 41-39. Jamal Siler

improved record to 8-4

Elba Lady Tigers post two exciting home court wins

The Elba Lady Tigers posted a pair of exciting wins last week on their home court over Wicksburg 41-35 and New Brockton 43-41 to enter the holiday break with an 8-4 record.

Following are highlights of both wins:

Elba 41 Wicksburg 35

The Elba Lady Tigers came to life in the second half and rallied to post a hard fought 41-35 win over the pesky Wicksburg Panthers, last Monday night in Elba.

Elba came out slow in the opening stanza and was tied at 6-6 after one quarter of play, and while the Lady Tigers took an early 10-7 lead in the quarter on a three-pointer by A'Lyric Whitfield, they failed to score another point in the stanza and missed six

straight free throw attempts as they rallied to pull out the 41-35 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 16 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 10, Tajah Purvis 6, Brooke Tinsley 3, Ana Caldwell 2, Alayvia Stinson 2, and Yada Caldwell 2. Belle Sellers scored 19 points to lead Wicksburg.

Elba 43 New Brockton 41

The Elba Lady Tigers converted a steal at midcourt into a lay-up at the final buzzer to claim an exciting 43-41 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, last Tuesday night in Elba.

New Brockton jumped out to an early 5-2 lead on a three-pointer by Gabby Eubanks and led by the play of Eubanks and Courtney Keith never lost command as the Lady Gamecocks carried a 16-8 lead into the second quarter. A three-pointer by Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield sparked a 10-3 run that pulled the Lady Tigers within 19-18 with 2:0 left in the half, and at intermission Elba was still within striking distance as they trailed only 22-20.

New Brockton upped its lead to 25-20 early in the third quarter on a basket by Aniya Barkley, but Elba again came roaring back and this time used the hot shooting of Ny'Asia McCollough to go on a 13-0 run to grab a 33-25 advantage with 1:48 remaining in the stanza. The Lady Tigers were



Elba Tiger Jamal Siler (21) gets inside for an easy basket in a recent win. The Tigers will host the Pea River Christmas Classic this week at the Elba High gym.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

and caught the Tigers at 35-35 with 6:37 remaining in the game. New Brockton eased ahead 38-37 with 4:48 left on a basket by Yassiah Rousseau, but Jacob Watkins sparked a late Tiger rally, and despite hitting only 4 of 10 free throws in the final four minutes, Elba held on for the 47-40 win.

Cody Gray and JT Coleman scored 12 points apiece to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Taylor Purvis 8, Jacob Watkins 7, Jamal Siler 7 and Ty Sieving 1. Scoring for the Gamecocks Yassiah Rousseau 15, Baylon Foster 13, Anthony Silar 8, Hunter White 2 and Preston Bourne 2.

Improve record to 8-4

Elba Lady Tigers post two exciting home court wins

free throw opportunities in a one-minute span as the Lady Panthers carried a 14-10 lead in at intermission.

Tajah Purvis sparked an Elba rally early in the third quarter to pull the Lady Tigers to within 16-14, and while Elba did pull even at 20-20 with 4:12 left in the quarter on a basket by Alayvia Stinson, Wicksburg refused to let the Lady Tigers have the lead as the Lady Panthers remained in charge and carried a 28-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

Wicksburg continued to battle in the fourth quarter and opened up a 35-28 lead midway through the stanza. However, the Lady Tigers went on a 13-0 run behind the play of A'Lyric Whitfield to end the game and connected on eight

straight free throw attempts as they rallied to pull out the 41-35 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 16 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 10, Tajah Purvis 6, Brooke Tinsley 3, Ana Caldwell 2, Alayvia Stinson 2, and Yada Caldwell 2. Belle Sellers scored 19 points to lead Wicksburg.

A'Lyric Whitfield drove down the court and hit a lay-up at the buzzer to give the Lady Tigers the wild 43-41 win.

Ny'Asia McCollough scored 12 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 11 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Purvis 8, Ana Caldwell 5, Kendra Juarez 4 and Alayvia Stinson 3. Scoring for the Lady Gamecocks were Ariana Smith 14, Gabby Eubanks 12, Aniya Barkley 8, Brittany Williams 4, Courtney Keith 2 and Casey Williams 1.

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SPORTS NEWS



ALEX WISECUP - 1ST TEAM ALL-STATE



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Elba & Brantley standouts earn All-State honors

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2022 'All-State' high school football selections last week and included on the honored list were three members of the Elba Tigers, four members of the Brantley Bulldogs and one member of the Kinston Bulldogs, while one player from both Elba and Brantley received honorable mention.

The list included 32 players that played on teams that won state championships, with 1A champ Leroy leading the way with five first team selections and two second team picks, while 4A St James had six total players named to the annual list, 7A Thompson and 5A Ramsay each had five players on the list, 4A Andalusia had four players honored, 2A Fyffe had three players named all-state, and 6 Saraland had two.

Elba Tigers named first team 'All-State' were sophomore running back Alvin Henderson and junior place-kicker Alex Wisecup.

Henderson, a 5-11, 190-pound speedster, rushed for 2,636 yards in 12 games for the Tigers, averaged 219.7 yards per game and 13.5 yards per carry, and scored 46 touchdowns. He also caught 2 passes for 24 yards and two touchdowns, giving him a total of 2,660 yards in total offense and 48 touchdowns.

Wisecup, a small 5-5, 135-pound kicker with a big leg, made 3 of 3 field goals during the season with a long of 43-yards and hit on 57 of 60 extra-point attempts as he averaged 5.5 points per game with his talented toe.

Elba's Cameron Gray received second team honors as a defensive back. The 5-9, 160-pound, junior, had 5 interceptions during the Tigers 11-1 season, as well as 7 break-ups and made five fourth down stops. He was in on 49 tackles, including 30 solo stops, and had one fumble recovery.

Brantley Tiger Kyle Smith received honorable mention. The 6-1, 250-pound, senior, anchored the Elba offensive line that opened holes for backs to gain 4,348 yards, an average of 363.2 yards a game, and graded out at 84 percent and had 57 devastation blocks.

Brantley was represented on the first team 'All-State' list by wide receiver Jon Bush. The 5-10, 152-pound, senior, caught 57 passes for 987 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 82.3 yards per game in receptions, the third most by a received in Class 1A.

Garnering second team honors were Bulldog teammates Jayden Parks, Kedrick Brown and Kaleb Weed.

Parks, a 5-10, 150-pound, sophomore, quarterback, completed 118 of 178 passes in 12 games for 2,433 yards and 276 touchdowns, with only five interceptions. He also rushed for 101 yards and three touchdowns on 37 carries.

Brown, a 6-1, 202-pound, senior, linebacker, was in on 66 total tackles (6.6 per game), with 46 solo stops and 20 assists. Of his tackle total, 18 were tackles for losses, including eight quarterback sacks. He also had one pass interception.

Weed, a 6-3, 165-pound, senior, defensive back, recorded 70 tackles from his strong safety position (7 tackles per game), with 34 solo stops and 36 assists. He had three tackles for losses, one quarterback sack and three interceptions.

Receiving honorable mention was Brantley's Romeo Presseley, a 5-10, 244-pound, junior, offensive lineman. The anchor of the Bulldogs offensive line had 14 domination blocks and graded over 90 percent in every game.

Kinston's Cale Sumblin, a 6-4, 220-pound, multi-position standout, was named to the second team as a punter. The Bulldog senior punted for a 34.7-yard average.

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Other area players earning 'All-State' honors included: (First Team) 7A Raymon Blackmon, senior, running back, Dothan; Jamarius Stanyard, senior, offensive line, Dothan; 5A Jy'won Boyd, junior, wide-receiver, Charles Henderson; Patrick Screws, senior, offensive line, Eufaula; Zion Grady, sophomore, defensive line, Charles Henderson; Yhonzae Pierre, senior, defensive line, Eufaula; Damien Hart, senior, linebacker, Charles Henderson; 3A Ian Foster, senior, wide-receiver, Pike County; Lucius Renshaw, senior, kicker, Houston Academy; Omariion Pinckney, junior, athlete, Daleville; 2A Landon Tyler, senior, wide-receiver, Ariton; Christian Brown, senior, defensive line, Ariton; CJ McNabb, senior, linebacker, Ariton; Wautavious Conley, senior, athlete, Abbeville; (Second Team) 7A Mykel Johnson, senior, athlete, Enterprise; 5A Caleb Dozier, junior, wide-receiver, Headland; Kevonte Dickerson, sophomore, offensive line, Carroll; Benton Dunn, junior, center, Charles Henderson; Karmelo Overton, senior, linebacker, Carroll; Jaxson Williams, junior, athlete, Headland; 3A Terry Davis, senior, running back, Opp; Will Wells, senior, wide-receiver, Houston Academy; Ethan Coachman, senior, defensive line, Houston Academy; Jeremiah Moore, senior, defensive line, Daleville; Nelson Hall, Junior, linebacker, Opp; Gray Jennings, senior, linebacker, Opp; 2A Jamari McClure, junior, running back, Goshen; Tanner Patton, senior, kicker, G.W. Long; Austin Kercher, senior, defensive line, G.W. Long; Logan Smith, senior, defensive line, Samson; Brayden Whitehead, junior, defensive back, G.W. Long; Bryson Hughes, junior, athlete, G.W. Long; (Honorable Mention) 7A Aiden White, Enterprise; 5A Parker Adams, Charles Henderson; Nik Peerson, Charles Henderson; 3A Jeb Daughtry, Houston Academy; Keith Williams, Pike County; Robbie Gafford, Opp; 2A Jaylen Murry, Wicksburg.

SCHEDULES

PEA RIVER
CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

In, Elba

Thursday, December 29

(Boys' Division)

12:00 – Brantley-NB loser

vs. Pl. Home-Luverne loser

1:30 – Pike Lib-Goshen

loser vs. Elba-NB loser

4:30 – Brantley-NB winner

vs. Pl. Home-Luverne

winner

7:30 – Elba-EC winner vs.

Pike Lib-Goshen winner

(Girls Division)

3:00 – Luverne vs. New

Brookton

6:00 – Elba vs. Goshen

Friday, December 30

Brantley at Straughn

(Boys Division)

1:30 – Consolidation
championship

3:00 – 7th-8th place game

4:30 – 3rd-4th place game

7:30 – Championship game

(Girls Division)

6:00 – Elba vs. Luverne

(Tickets must be purchased at GoFan.com website)

Schedules

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Kinston at Elba

Emmanuel Christian at

New Brockton

Wicksburg at Zion Chapel

Thursday, Jan. 5

Brantley at Straughn

LIFESTYLES

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying pro-

grams.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.



MEMBERS OF THE ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 met Thursday, Dec. 22, to raise Brother Charles Matthew Brunson Sr. and Brother William Justin Prescott to a Master Mason. Food, fellowship, and work was enjoyed by 39 Brothers from various lodges. Those pictured include: (front, l to r) Daniel Stephens, Billy Colwell, Mike Amison, James Beasley, Tommy Morrow, Charles Matthew Brunson Sr., Wendell Black, William Justin Prescott, Billy Wilkerson, Chris Sanders, Robert Wehunt, Ronnie Rawls, Drexell Richards, James McDaniel, and Allan Crenshaw; (middle, l to r) Heiko Maier, Allen Brackin, Rick Browning, Gene Nelson, James Mowery, Edwin Sap, Mike Murphy, Larry Shaw, Brian Smith, Joel Moore, Troy Gideon, and Mark Hall; and (back, l to r) John Hall, Mike Taylor, Coley Andress, Jack Caradine, and Howard Oliver. Not Pictured: Steve Dewberry, Dale Stewart, Jerome Blackmon, Freddy Arnold, Jason Whitehurst, Patrick Haney, and Picture taken by Brother Eddie Kelley.

Christmas party held at Elba Senior Citizens Center

Elba Senior Citizens Center director Donna Falls and staff hosted a Christmas Party for center's seniors last Thursday morning, Dec. 22, and reportedly lots of fun was had by all in attendance.

The party included food, fun, laughter, and a visit from the jolly one himself - Santa!

Below and to the right are some scenes from last week's party for the seniors.



Troy Bank & Trust Gives Away Giant Christmas Stockings.. Each year, the Troy Bank & Trust KidsAdvantage Club sponsors a Giant Christmas Stocking Giveaway. This year's winner for Coffee County is Gabby Sanders (pictured above with her stocking). The Troy Bank & Trust KidsAdvantage Club is a savings account designed especially for children under the age of 12.



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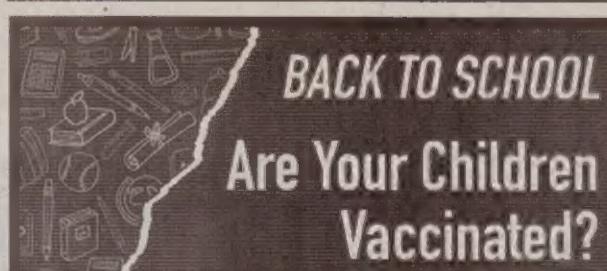


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Coming in February...

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present - Forever Young [Your Life - Your Music] Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

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